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The present invention relates to a new association between a heterocyclic compound and an antioxidant agent for obtaining pharmaceutical compositions for use in the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25.

5 Obesity is a major public health problem in all developed countries. It is also increasing steadily in developing countries and is affecting an ever younger population. Obesity is a well-established risk factor for cardiovascular diseases and is associated with a significantly increased risk of cerebro-vascular accidents, non-insulin-dependent diabetes, vesicular calculi, respiratory dysfunction, osteoarthritis, several forms of cancer and
10 premature death.

It has been found that, in obese people, the generation of reactive oxygenated species released by monocytes and leukocytes is greatly increased with respect to non-obese subjects (J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab., 2001, 86, 355-362). Elevated plasma concentrations of alpha tumour necrosis factor (TNF α) in obese people stimulate inflammatory processes
15 (J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab., 1998, 83, 2907-2910) and are responsible for the generation of reactive oxygenated species by leukocytes (Oncogene, 1998, 17, 1639-1651).

The pathological state of obesity is also associated with increased oxidation of lipids and proteins, which may be the cause of high plasma levels of 9- and 13-hydroxy-octadecadienoic acids (9-HODE and 13-HODE) (Totowa : Humano. Press., 1998, 147-
20 155), key indices of lipid peroxidation (J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab., 2001, 86, 355-362). In parallel, the "antioxidant" capabilities of the body are reduced.

In obese subjects, it has been shown that excessive food intake causes major lipid and protein damage. Over-consumption of calories by obese people can cause the formation of free radicals and expose them to significant oxidative lesions which help to maintain the
25 state of obesity.

The specific markers of oxidation are significantly reduced by a 48-hour fast or by calorie restriction accompanying weight loss (J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab., 2001, 86, 355-362).

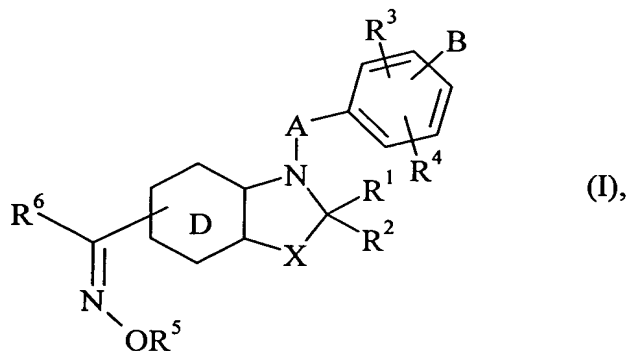
A strategy aimed at reducing the "oxidative burden" on the body by favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms should result in an exacerbation of the effects and, as a consequence, in weight loss in obese or overweight subjects.

The present invention relates more specifically to the association between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms of the body and an antioxidant agent.

This association is novel and exhibits pharmacological properties that are entirely surprising in the area of obesity.

More specifically, the invention relates to the association between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms which has a heterocyclic structure, and an antioxidant agent.

The heterocyclic compounds favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms in accordance with the invention are, more specifically, compounds of formula (I) :



wherein :

- X represents an oxygen or sulphur atom, or a group CH_2 or CH^{R^2} (wherein R^2 together with R^2 forms an additional bond),
- R^1 and R^2 , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl group, an aryl group, an aryl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryloxy group, an aryl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyloxy group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, a linear or

branched (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkylamino group or a di-(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group in which the alkyl moieties are linear or branched,

or R¹ and R² together form an oxo, thioxo or imino group,

it also being possible for R² together with R'² to form an additional bond,

- A represents a (C₁-C₆)alkylene chain in which one CH₂ group may be replaced by a hetero atom selected from oxygen and sulphur or by a group NR_a (wherein R_a represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group), or by a phenylene or naphthylene group,

- R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group R, OR or NRR' (wherein R and R', which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, an aryl group, an aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryl-(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group in which the alkenyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryl-(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group in which the alkynyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl group, a heteroaryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl-(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group in which the alkenyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl-(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group in which the alkynyl moiety is linear or branched, a (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl group, a (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)polyhaloalkyl group),

or R³ and R⁴, together with the carbon atoms carrying them, when they are carried by two adjacent carbon atoms, form a ring that has 5 or 6 ring members and that may contain a hetero atom selected from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

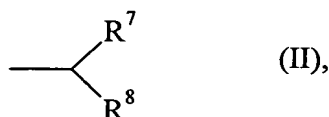
- R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, represent a group R as defined hereinbefore,
- D represents:

a benzene nucleus, in which case X cannot represent a group $\text{CH}^{\text{R}^{12}}$ as defined hereinbefore,

or D represents a pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine or pyridazine nucleus,

- B represents a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group or a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl group, those groups being substituted :

♦ by a group of formula (II) :

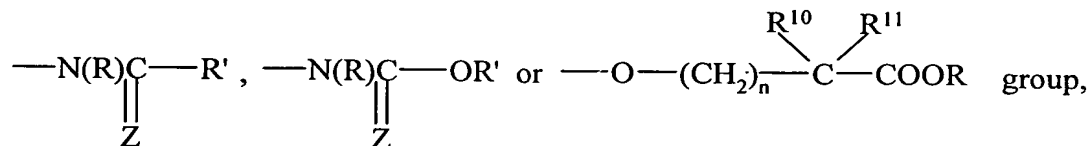


wherein: - R⁷ represents a group $\text{---}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}$, $\text{---}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---NRR}'$,

$\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---R}'$ or $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}'$, wherein Z represents an oxygen or sulphur atom, and R and R' are as defined hereinbefore,

- and R⁸ represents an aryl group, an arylalkyl group wherein the alkyl moiety contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and may be linear or branched, a hetero-aryl group, a heteroarylalkyl group wherein the alkyl moiety contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and may be linear or branched, CN, tetrazole, ---OR , $\text{---NRR}'$, $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---R}'$ or $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}'$, wherein Z, R and R' are as defined hereinbefore,

♦ or by a group R⁹, wherein R⁹ represents a CN, tetrazole,



wherein Z, R and R' are as defined hereinbefore, n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, and R¹⁰ and R¹¹, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen

atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, it being understood that R¹⁰ and R¹¹ cannot simultaneously represent a hydrogen atom,

or B represents a group of formula (II) or a group R⁹ as defined hereinbefore,

it being understood that :

5 * aryl means a phenyl, naphthyl or biphenyl group, it being possible for those groups to be partially hydrogenated,

 * heteroaryl means any mono- or bi-cyclic aromatic group containing 5 to 10 members, which may be partially hydrogenated in one of the rings in the case of bicyclic heteroaryls and which contains 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and
10 sulphur,

it being possible for the aryl and heteroaryl groups thereby defined to be substituted by from 1 to 3 groups selected from linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)polyhaloalkyl, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy, formyl, NR_bR_c (wherein R_b and R_c, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a
15 linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, an aryl group or a heteroaryl group), ester, amido, nitro, cyano, and halogen atoms,

their enantiomers and diastereoisomers, and also addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

Even more preferably, the heterocyclic compounds of the association according to the
20 invention are:

* methyl 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,

* methyl 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,

- * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propanoate,
- * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethoxy)propanoate,
- 5 * 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid,
- * 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid,
- * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(3-chlorophenyl)(methoxyimino)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-ethoxypropanoate,
- 10 * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(3-chlorophenyl)(hydroxyimino)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-ethoxypropanoate,
- * methyl 2-methoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- 15 * methyl 2-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- * methyl 2-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- 20 * methyl 2-[(butoxycarbonyl)amino]-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,

- * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-[(phenoxycarbonyl)amino]propanoate,
- * methyl 2-[[[(benzyloxy)carbonyl]amino]-3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- 5 * methyl 2-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino]-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- * *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenylalanine,
- * *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenylalanine,
- 10
- * methyl 2-amino-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- * methyl 2-amino-3-{4-[2-(6-[(hydroxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoate,
- 15 * methyl 3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-(methylamino)propanoate,

their enantiomers and diastereoisomers, and also addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

Antioxidant agents according to the invention are, more specifically, anti-free radical agents or free-radical trapping agents, antilipoperoxidant agents, chelating agents or agents capable of regenerating endogenous antioxidants such as glutathione, vitamin C or vitamin E, and also addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

Amongst the pharmaceutically acceptable acids there may be mentioned, without implying any limitation, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulphuric acid, phosphonic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, lactic acid, pyruvic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, maleic acid, citric acid, ascorbic acid, oxalic acid, methanesulphonic acid, camphoric acid, etc..

Amongst the pharmaceutically acceptable bases there may be mentioned, without implying any limitation, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, triethylamine, *tert*-butylamine, etc..

The antioxidant agent of the association according to the invention is more preferably represented by quinone compounds such as ubiquinone or coenzyme Q₁₀, which acts as a free-radical trapping agent but which is also capable of regenerating vitamin E.

The association to which preference is given in accordance with the invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]-phenyl}propanoic acid and coenzyme Q₁₀.

Furthermore, the association according to the invention between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms and an antioxidant agent has entirely surprising pharmacological properties: the Applicant has discovered that a synergy exists between the two compounds of the association allowing a very significant reduction in body fat to be obtained, making it of use in the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25.

In the United States, obesity affects 20 % of men and 25 % of women. Patients having a body mass index ($BMI = \text{weight (kg)} / \text{height}^2 \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$) greater than or equal to 30 are considered to be obese (Int. J. Obes., 1998, 22, 39-47; Obesity Lancet, 1997, 350, 423-426). Obesity ($BMI \geq 30$) and overweight ($25 < BMI < 30$) can have various origins : they may come about following deregulation of food intake, following hormonal disturbance, or following administration of a treatment : treating type II diabetes with sulphonylureas causes patients to gain weight. Similarly, in type I (insulin-dependent) diabetes, insulin therapy is also a cause of weight gain in patients (In Progress in Obesity Research, 8th

International Congress on Obesity, 1999, 739-746 ; Annals of Internal Medicine, 1998, 128, 165-175).

Obesity and overweight are well-established risk factors for cardiovascular diseases: they are associated with a significant increase in the risk of cerebro-vascular accidents and non-insulin-dependent diabetes, because they predispose to insulin-resistance, dyslipidaemia and the appearance of macrovascular disorders (nephropathy, retinopathy, angiopathy).

Further pathologies are the consequence of obesity or overweight: there may be mentioned, in particular, vesicular calculi, respiratory dysfunction, several forms of cancer and, in the case of very severe obesity, premature death (N. Engl. J. Med., 1995, 333, 677-385; JAMA, 1993, 270, 2207-2212).

The association according to the invention allows a weight loss to be obtained which, even if moderate, significantly reduces all the risk factors associated with obesity (Int. J. Obes., 1997, 21, 55-9; Int. J. Obes., 1992, 21, S5-9).

The association according to the invention will therefore be found to be useful in the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25.

The invention accordingly relates to the use of the association between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms and an antioxidant agent in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30.

In particular, the association according to the invention is of use in the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30 caused by a therapeutic treatment, such as treatment for type I or II diabetes.

The invention accordingly relates to the use of the association between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms and an antioxidant agent in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity and of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30 caused by a therapeutic treatment, such as treatment for type I or II diabetes.

The invention relates also to pharmaceutical compositions comprising the association between a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms and an antioxidant agent, as defined hereinbefore, in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

5 Among the pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention, there may be mentioned, more especially, those that are suitable for oral, parenteral or nasal administration, tablets or dragées, sublingual tablets, gelatin capsules, lozenges, suppositories, creams, ointments, dermal gels, etc..

10 In particular, the invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined hereinbefore and an antioxidant agent such as coenzyme Q₁₀ or vitamin E, in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

The dosage used varies according to the sex, age and weight of the patient, the administration route, the nature of the therapeutic indication or of any associated treatments and ranges from 0.1 mg to 1 g of each component of the association per
15 24 hours in one or more administrations.

The following Examples illustrate the invention but do not limit it in any way.

EXAMPLE A : Change in body weight

Male C57 Black 6 ob/ob mice from 8 to 12 weeks old were used. After being placed in quarantine for one week, they were weighed and then randomised as a function of their
20 weight and 6 homogeneous groups (starting weights not significantly different) were formed. After being weighed, the various compounds under test were injected by the intraperitoneal route once a day for 7 days. The compounds were injected in a solution of DMSO 5 % / Solutol 15 % / qsp H₂O heated at 65°C to ensure good dissolution. In addition, the solution was pre-heated before injection. The mice were weighed every day
25 and the weight obtained after 7 days of treatment was recorded.

The results obtained with the association according to the invention show :

- that the association enables the weight of obese mice to be reduced significantly,

- that there exists a synergy between the 2 components of the association, the weight loss found being much greater in the case of the association than in the case of each component administered on its own.

EXAMPLE B : Pharmaceutical composition

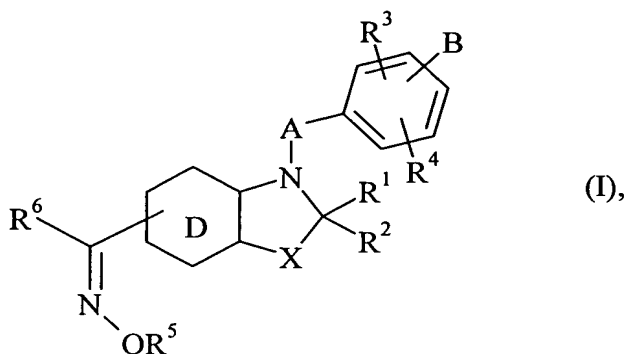
5 100 tablets each containing 30 mg of 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)-methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid and 10 mg of coenzyme Q₁₀

	2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzo-	
	thiazol-3(2 <i>H</i>)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid.....	3 g
10	coenzyme Q ₁₀	1 g
	wheat starch.....	20 g
	maize starch.....	20 g
	lactose.....	30 g
	magnesium stearate	2 g
15	silica	1 g
	hydroxypropylcellulose.....	2 g

CLAIMS

1. Association comprising a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms and an antioxidant agent.

2. Association according to claim 1, wherein the compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms is a compound of formula (I) :



wherein :

- X represents an oxygen or sulphur atom, or a group CH_2 or CH^{R^2} (wherein R^2 together with R^2 forms an additional bond),
- R^1 and R^2 , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl group, an aryl group, an aryl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryloxy group, an aryl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkyloxy group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, a linear or branched $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkoxy group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a linear or branched $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkylamino group or a di- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkylamino group in which the alkyl moieties are linear or branched,
or R^1 and R^2 together form an oxo, thioxo or imino group,
it also being possible for R^2 together with R^2 to form an additional bond,
- A represents a $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)$ alkylene chain in which one CH_2 group may be replaced by a hetero atom selected from oxygen and sulphur or by a group NR_a (wherein R_a

represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group), or by a phenylene or naphthylene group,

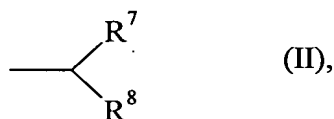
- R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group R, OR or NRR' (wherein R and R', which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, an aryl group, an aryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryl-(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group in which the alkenyl moiety is linear or branched, an aryl-(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group in which the alkynyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl group, a heteroaryl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl-(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group in which the alkenyl moiety is linear or branched, a heteroaryl-(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group in which the alkynyl moiety is linear or branched, a (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl group, a (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group in which the alkyl moiety is linear or branched, or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)polyhaloalkyl group),
 or R³ and R⁴, together with the carbon atoms carrying them, when they are carried by two adjacent carbon atoms, form a ring that has 5 or 6 ring members and that may contain a hetero atom selected from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

- R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, represent a group R as defined hereinbefore,
- D represents:

a benzene nucleus, in which case X cannot represent a group $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^2 \\ | \\ \text{CH} \end{array}$ as defined hereinbefore,

or D represents a pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine or pyridazine nucleus,

- B represents a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group or a linear or branched (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl group, those groups being substituted :
 ♦ by a group of formula (II) :

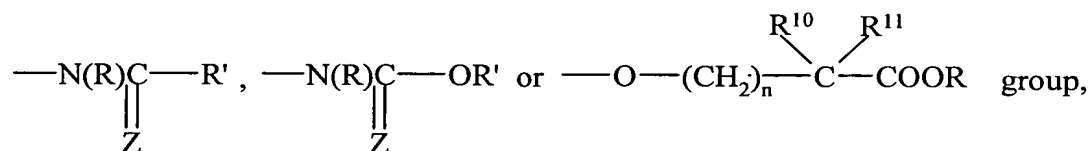


wherein: - R⁷ represents a group $\text{---}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}$, $\text{---}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---NRR}'$,

$\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---R}'$ or $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}'$, wherein Z represents an oxygen or sulphur atom, and R and R' are as defined hereinbefore,

- and R⁸ represents an aryl group, an arylalkyl group wherein the alkyl moiety contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and may be linear or branched, a hetero-aryl group, a heteroarylalkyl group wherein the alkyl moiety contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and may be linear or branched, CN, tetrazole, ---OR , $\text{---NRR}'$, $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---R}'$ or $\text{---N(R)}\overset{\text{Z}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{---OR}'$, wherein Z, R and R' are as defined hereinbefore,

♦ or by a group R⁹, wherein R⁹ represents a CN, tetrazole,



wherein Z, R and R' are as defined hereinbefore, n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, and R¹⁰ and R¹¹, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, it being understood that R¹⁰ and R¹¹ cannot simultaneously represent a hydrogen atom,

or B represents a group of formula (II) or a group R⁹ as defined hereinbefore,

it being understood that :

* aryl means a phenyl, naphthyl or biphenyl group, it being possible for those groups to be partially hydrogenated,

* heteroaryl means any mono- or bi-cyclic aromatic group containing 5 to 10 members, which may be partially hydrogenated in one of the rings in the case of bicyclic heteroaryls and which contains 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur,

5 it being possible for the aryl and heteroaryl groups thereby defined to be substituted by from 1 to 3 groups selected from linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)polyhaloalkyl, linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy, formyl, NR_bR_c (wherein R_b and R_c, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, an aryl group or a heteroaryl group), ester, amido,
10 nitro, cyano, and halogen atoms,

an enantiomer or diastereoisomer thereof, or an addition salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

3. Association according to claim 1, wherein the compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms is 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-
15 1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid, an enantiomer or diastereoisomer thereof, or an addition salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

4. Association according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant agent is coenzyme Q₁₀.

5. Association according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant agent is vitamin E.

6. Association according to claim 1, which is 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)-(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid and
20 coenzyme Q₁₀.

7. Association according to claim 1, which is 2-ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(6-[(methoxyimino)-(phenyl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,3-benzothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid and vitamin E.

8. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising as active ingredient a compound favouring the lipid and carbohydrate metabolisms in association with an antioxidant agent according to one of claims 1 to 7, on their own or in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

5 9. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 8 for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity.

10. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 8 for use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30.

10 11. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity.

12. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity caused by a therapeutic treatment.

15 13. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of obesity caused by treatment for type I or II diabetes.

20 14. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30.

15. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30 caused by a therapeutic treatment.

16. Use of an association according to one of claims 1 to 7 in obtaining pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment and/or prevention of overweight characterised by a body mass index greater than 25 and less than 30 caused by treatment for type I or II diabetes.

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